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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The court should approve the Microsoft antitrust settlement. Entering into the settlement agreement will ensure Microsoft will be able to get back to focusing on developing innovative products while safeguarding against the complaints made about anticompetitive business practices.

Continued prosecution of this case by the federal government is unnecessary. Microsoft has agreed to make many changes in the way it conducts its business. They agreed to design future versions of Windows in a way that will make it easier for consumers to run software made by other companies along with Windows software.

While I have not been directly impacted by this lawsuit, I have friends in the technology industry who have. Drawing out this lawsuit is not beneficial to them, or to the tech community as a whole.

Thank you for working toward a resolution of this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Gilstrap".

John Gilstrap